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## Christian Liberty

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

True liberty exists when truth, freedom and responsibility are woven together in the fabric of our life. Defects occur when one thread is missing. Paul explains that Jesus has given Christians truth and freedom and expects them to live responsibly in light of those gifts. Three commitments are necessary for someone to experience true Christian Liberty.

### 1. Acquire the right \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 8:1-6

- a) Knowledge alone makes us \_\_\_\_\_, but love edifies (vs. 1)
- b) Loving God and being \_\_\_\_\_ by God is the most important knowledge (vs. 2-3)
- c) There is only one \_\_\_\_\_ God (vs. 4-6) (Isaiah 44:9-17)
  - We must know more than truth. We must know the God and \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.

### 2. Guard against being a \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 8:7-9

- a) A conscience can be \_\_\_\_\_ by customs (vs. 7)
- b) Food does not change our \_\_\_\_\_ with God (vs. 8)
- c) Being \_\_\_\_\_ does not give us permission to be an \_\_\_\_\_ to another (vs. 9)
  - The God of truth tells us to \_\_\_\_\_ others, not hurt them.

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

### 3. Respect the \_\_\_\_\_ of others

1 Corinthians 8:10-13

- a) Do not \_\_\_\_\_ others with your “knowledge” (vs. 10-11)
- b) Do not \_\_\_\_\_ against Christ by sinning against a brother (vs. 12-13)
  - Truth has to filter through the \_\_\_\_\_ of our life.

### ❖ Insight for life:

I will use the liberty and truth that God has given me to \_\_\_\_\_ others, not hurt them.

### My Thoughts:

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### 1. Acquire the right knowledge

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- a) Knowledge alone makes us arrogant, but love edifies (vs. 1)
- b) Loving God and being known by God is the most important knowledge (vs. 2-3)
- c) There is only one true God (vs. 4-6) (Isaiah 44:9-17)
  - We must know more than truth. We must know the God and Father of truth.

### 2. Guard against being a stumbling block

1 Corinthians 8:7-9

- a) A conscience can be defiled by customs (vs. 7)
- b) Food does not change our relationship with God (vs. 8)
- c) Being right does not give us permission to be an obstacle to another (vs. 9)
  - The God of truth tells us to help others, not hurt them.

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

### 3. Respect the conscience of others

1 Corinthians 8:10-13

- a) Do not ruin others with your “knowledge” (vs. 10-11)
- b) Do not sin against Christ by sinning against a brother (vs. 12-13)
  - Truth has to filter through the realities of our life.

### ❖ Insight for life:

I will use the liberty and truth that God has given me to benefit others, not hurt them.

### My Thoughts: